(ii) Stricter access control and thorough pre-embarkation security checks;

(iii) Deployment of CISF and Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs);

(iv) Screening of baggage.

Old and unfit aricrafts in IA and Alliance Airlines

628. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Alliance Airlines have been using aircraft which are very old and unfit for safe journey;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their age and flying hours; and

(c) the amount spent on their maintenance during the last three years and on the purchase of new aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no life specified for modern aircraft. These aircraft can fly as long as they are certified airworthy in accordance with the procedures laid down by DGCA and the manufacturers.

(c) The amount spent by the Indian Airlines on the maintenance of aircraft, *i.e.* on aircraft spares/components and outside repairs for the last five years is given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. Crores)
1997-98	517
1998-99	498
1999-00	588
2000-01	684
2001-02 (Provisional)	681

Indian Airlines has not purchased new aircraft during the last five years.

Appointment of IAS officer in I.A.

629. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present CMD of Indian Airlines was also associated with the Airlines performance during the last five